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HEARING SYNOPSIS

July 7, 2022 Agenda (1st Meeting)

Present: Ganaban, Minn, Miyashiro, Hullinger, Buckley

PUBLIC HEARINGS – LICENSES GRANTED

Seven Mile Miracle LLC, dba Lanikai Brewing Company
66-111 Kamehameha Highway, #701, Building 7, Haleiwa
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Miyashiro seconded; Vote 5:0
(Comm. Hullinger voted aye with reservation)]

Yogurstory Honolulu, Inc., dba Yogurstory
745 Keeaumoku Street
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 5:0]

OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST GRANTED

[Comm. Minn moved for approval; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 5:0]

Lanikuhonua Cultural Institute, dba Lanikuhonua Cultural Institute
92-1101 Aliinui Drive, Kapolei
*Special [Non-Profit] Beer and Wine license from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on Saturday, August 6, 2022
(Hawaiian Culture event)*

Jinya Hawaii, Inc., dba Jinya Ramen, Robata Jinya, LBD Japanese Bar and Lounge
1118 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 100, the former site of Nobu Honolulu
[Stand-Alone] Temporary Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)

Craft Beer Company LLC, dba Off The Wall Craft Beer and Wine
Restaurant General license (Category No. 2 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
1170 Auahi Street, #140
Caterer's license to cater off the licensed premises to 91-1780 Midway Street, Kapolei (Coral Crater Adventure Park), for 75 intermittent dates from July 11, 2022 to December 28, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Request No. 22-24806 to accept long-term caterer application (75 days) approved on May 12, 2022)

Robert A. Ueoka, Esq., on behalf of Kahala Senior Living Community, Inc., dba Kahala Nui
*Waiver of Rule 3-82-45.1, requirement to submit Personal History and Affidavit, Criminal History Record
Clearance, and Fingerprints for 11 specified directors and/or officers (re: Application for a Club
General liquor license)*

[For license applications to be submitted in the future]

Donna M. Nakamura, Controller, on behalf of Aquamarine (Waikiki), LLC, dba Dolphin Star
Refund of fees paid for license renewal for fiscal year 2023

OTHER LICENSE/APPLICATION/REQUEST CONTINUED TO JULY 14, 2022

[Comm. Minn moved for continuance; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 5:0]

Ruma Spear LLC, dba Arnold's Beach Bar & Grill
Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
339 Saratoga Road
*Requesting approval to obtain remaining liquor inventory from Ruma Spear LLC, dba King's Pub,
Dispenser General license (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing),
444 Niu Street, Lower Lobby, Suites 4/5*

ADJUDICATION HEARINGS

[Comm. Minn moved to accept or amend recommended penalty; Comm. Hullinger
seconded; Vote 5:0]

KC Lagua Company, Inc., dba Club Cleopatra (nka Bliss Lounge)
Dispenser General (Categories No. 3 & 4 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and
Hostess)
1095 Dillingham Boulevard

Charge 1

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Failure to have a time card or other adequate record showing in
English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name
and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$250 penalty

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-84-72.2 [Licensee failed to have street and/or primary entrances unlocked during the
time customers were on the licensed premises]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

KC Lagua Company, Inc., dba Club Cleopatra (nka Bliss Lounge)
Dispenser General (Categories No. 3 & 4 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and
Hostess)

1095 Dillingham Boulevard

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Improper registration of employee]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$350 penalty

KC Lagua Company, Inc., dba Club Cleopatra (nka Bliss Lounge)
Dispenser General (Categories No. 3 & 4 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and
Hostess)

1095 Dillingham Boulevard

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Failure to have a time card or other adequate record showing in
English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name
and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$250 penalty

KC Lagua Company, Inc., dba Club Cleopatra (nka Bliss Lounge)
Dispenser General (Categories No. 3 & 4 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and
Hostess)

1095 Dillingham Boulevard

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.20(b) [Licensee permitted liquor of any kind, while in bottle, glass or other
container, to be open and readily consumable within the licensed premises before or after
hours]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$840 penalty (**\$750 plus \$90**) (\$10/minute past established closing time)

Happy Days Corporation, dba Happy Days Chinese Seafood Restaurant
Restaurant General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)
3553 Waialae Avenue

Charge 1

Violation: Section 281-78(b)(1)(A), HRS [Licensee sold, served or furnished intoxicating liquor to a
minor, or allowed consumption of intoxicating liquor by a minor at the licensed premises]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$1,000 penalty

Charge 2

Violation: Section 281-71, HRS [Failure to conspicuously post and expose to view, convenient for
inspection, its license on the licensed premises]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: Letter of reprimand

KW Jororo-129 Paoakalani, LLC, dba Hotel Renew
Hotel General
129 Paoakalani Avenue

Charge 1

Violation: Rule 3-83-62(a) [Physical alterations without prior written approval]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Failure to have a duly registered manager in active charge during the
time the establishment is licensed to sell or serve liquor]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$500 penalty (prior)

KW Jororo-129 Paoakalani, LLC, dba Hotel Renew
Hotel General
129 Paoakalani Avenue

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.9(a) [Failure to have a duly registered manager in active charge during the
time the establishment is licensed to sell or serve liquor]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$750 penalty (prior)

Kokua Country Foods Cooperative, dba Kokua Market
Retail Beer & Wine
2643 South King Street

Violation: Section 281-41(i), HRS [Failure to timely notify of name, age, and residence of officers or directors]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Disposition: \$750 penalty (prior) (suspend \$750 if no similar violation within one year)

Royal Kunia Country Club, Inc., dba Royal Kunia Country Club
Dispenser General (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
94-1509 Anonui Street, Waipahu

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.8 [Failure to timely submit employee registration list]

Plea: No contest; no explanation

Disposition: \$250 penalty

Royal Kunia Country Club, Inc., dba Royal Kunia Country Club
Dispenser General (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
94-1509 Anonui Street, Waipahu

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Improper registration of employee]

Plea: No contest; no explanation

Disposition: \$350 penalty

ADJUDICATION HEARINGS – CONTINUED

[Comm. Minn moved for continuance; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 5:0]

Sasaya USA Inc., dba Aburiya Ibushi
Restaurant General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)
750 Kapahulu Avenue

Violation: Section 281-41(i), HRS [Failure to timely obtain approval prior to any change in ownership of twenty-five percent or more of stock or any change in ownership resulting in the transferee becoming the owner of twenty-five percent or more of the outstanding stock]

CONTINUED TO NEXT AVAILABLE DATE (Japanese interpreter needed)

939 Entertainment LLC, dba Club 939
Dispenser General (Categories No. 2 & 4 – Nudity and Hostess)
939 Keeaumoku Street

Charge 1

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Improper registration of employee]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(e) [Failure to ensure that its employee has his/her certificate of registration for the licensed premises readily available for inspection while on duty]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Charge 3

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.6(a) [Improper registration of dancer]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Charge 4

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.5(a) [Improper registration of employee]

Plea: No contest with explanation

Charge 5

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(b) [Failure to make time record entries at the time its employees reported on duty and again when the employees went off duty]

Plea: No contest with explanation

CONTINUED TO JULY 14, 2022 FOR PENALTY PHASE (Charges 1 through 5)

Hale Vietnam, Inc., dba Hale Vietnam Restaurant (Pho Hoa Hawaii)
Dispenser General (Category No. 1 – Standard Bar)
1140 12th Avenue

Violation: Section 281-78(b)(1)(A), HRS [Licensee sold, served or furnished intoxicating liquor to a minor, or allowed consumption of intoxicating liquor by a minor at the licensed premises]
CONTINUED TO NEXT AVAILABLE DATE FOR CONTESTED CASE

Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC, dba Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC
Dispenser General (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
60 North Nimitz Highway

Charge 1

Violation: Section 281-38, HRS [Failure to comply with laws applicable to the business of Licensee, whether in existence at the time of issue of such license or enacted or amended from time to time thereafter, to wit, Emergency Order No. 2021-03, regarding COVID-19]

Charge 2

Violation: Rule 3-84-72.2 [Licensee failed to have street and/or primary entrances unlocked during the time customers were on the licensed premises]

CONTINUE TO NEXT AVAILABLE DATE

Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC, dba Tiana Café & Karaoke LLC
Dispenser General (Category No. 3 – Live Entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing)
60 North Nimitz Highway

Violation: Rule 3-82-38.4(a) [Failure to have a time card or other adequate record showing in English the month, day, year, and time, indicating a.m. or p.m. and the legal first name and surname of its employee when that employee was on duty]

CONTINUE TO NEXT AVAILABLE DATE

CONTESTED ADJUDICATION HEARING

[Comm. Miyashiro moved to find allegations sustained and to accept recommended penalty; Comm. Hullinger seconded; Vote 5:0]

American Renaissance Academy, dba American Renaissance Academy
Special [Non-Profit] General
91-1180 Midway Street, Kapolei

Violation: Section 281-78(b)(1)(A), HRS [Licensee sold, served or furnished intoxicating liquor to a minor, or allowed consumption of intoxicating liquor by a minor at the licensed premises]

Plea: Denied allegations

Disposition: Allegations deemed sustained; \$1,000 penalty